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SUBJECT: VISIT TO VENEZUELA OF COSTA RICAN PRESIDENT ODUBER

REF: SAN JOSE 5298; PANAMA 7802

1. PRESIDENT DANIEL ODUBER OF COSTA RICA, ACCOMPANIED BY TWO "ECONOMIC DAVISORS", ARRIVED AT MAIQUETIA AIRPORT THE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 18 AND WAS MET BY PRESIDENT PEREZ WITH A MINIMUM OF PROTOCOL. THE TWO PRESIDENTS WENT DIRECTLY TO PEREZ'S SEASIDE RESIDENCE FOR TWO HOURS OF TALK BEFORE PROCEEDING DIRECTLY TO CARACAS, WHERE A DINNER WAS GIVEN ODUBER BY PEREZ AT THE LATTER'S OFFICIAL RESIDENCE. ODUBER WAS SCHEDULED TO DEPART CARACAS THE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 19.

2. ODUBER DECLINED TO TELL REPORTERS THE PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT, WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS UNOFFICIAL, BUT THE CARACAS PRESS REPORTS THAT ITS PURPOSE WAS TO DISCUSS THE ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

3. COMMENT. PRESUMABLY ODUBER'S VISIT WAS TO OBTAIN INCREASED ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FROM VENEZUELA AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ON BETTER TERMS, AS WELL AS TO REVIEW THE PANAMA CANAL SITUATION. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER AS DETAILS BECOME AVAILABLE TO US.

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